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Senate Resolution No. 32—Relative to early childhood education.

- 1 WHEREAS, Research shows that high-quality early childhood
2 education programs benefit a child during his or her formative
3 years; and
4 WHEREAS, A high-quality early childhood education program
5 helps build a child’s social skills and self-confidence, and gives a
6 child the foundation of knowledge needed to succeed in
7 kindergarten and beyond; and
8 WHEREAS, Children in low-income families typically enter
9 kindergarten more than one year behind the national average in
10 prereading and language skills; and
11 WHEREAS, Kindergartners who enter school behind are likely
12 to remain behind as they move through the education system; and
13 WHEREAS, High-quality preschool generates about \$7 for
14 every \$1 spent, yielding government savings on welfare, education,
15 and criminal justice; and
16 WHEREAS, 85 percent of children’s core brain structure is
17 developed by four years of age, providing the foundation for their
18 future health, academic success, and social and emotional
19 well-being; and
20 WHEREAS, Studies show that children who have attended early
21 childhood education programs are more likely to read proficiently
22 by the third grade, graduate from high school, and pursue higher
23 education, and are less likely to be held back, placed in special
24 education, or become involved in crime; and

1 WHEREAS, A recent study by the RAND Corporation shows
2 that for every dollar invested in high-quality preschool, the public
3 saves more than double that amount in reduced special education
4 needs, crime prevention, and other costs; now, therefore, be it

5 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California*, That the Senate
6 proclaims the importance of early childhood education every year;
7 and be it further

8 *Resolved*, That the Senate promote early childhood programs
9 with appropriate and meaningful activities that will educate the
10 people of California about the value of preschool and other early
11 childhood education programs, and that the Senators encourage
12 their constituents to enroll their children in such programs; and be
13 it further

14 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
15 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.